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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, FR

SUBJ: GALLEY VISIT WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER

1. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAS JUST COMPLETED MEETINGS WITH FRG AND UK MODS AND IN LATE JUNE MET WITH NORWEGIAN AND BELGIAN MODS WHEN THEY WERE IN WASHINGTON FOR SACLANT SEA-POWER SYMPOSIUM. MEETING WITH DUTCH MOD IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 22 IN WASHINGTON. ITALIAN MOD HAS INFORMALLY INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO COME IN LATE OCTOBER.

1. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE INVITATION TO FRENCH MOD GALLEY TO VISIT HERE DURING LATTER HALF OF SEPTEMBER (POSSIBLY THE 25TH) OR OCTOBER (POSSIBLY THE 16TH). (FRG LEBER WILL BE VISITING GERMAN UNITS IN U.S. AND CANADA OCTOBER 1-10.) INVITATION WOULD BASICALLY BE FOR ONE-DAY SESSION IN WASHINGTON WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND SENIOR STAFF AND OTHER WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL NATO-RELATED ISSUES, BALANCE OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES, BURDEN SHARING, ETC. INVITATION WOULD INCLUDE WIFE AND EXTEND OPTION TO VISIT U.S. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

3. FROM PROTOCOL VIEWPOINT, BECAUSE MOST RECENT VISIT WAS
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MADE BY FRENCH WHEN DEBRE VISITED SECRETARY LAIRD IN JULY

1972, FRENCH MIGHT PREFER TO HAVE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER VISIT GALLEY IN FRANCE. POSSIBLE TIMES FOR THIS COULD BE PRIOR TO THE NPG MEETING IN EUROPE IN NOVEMBER, OR AFTER SECRETARY ATTENDS DPC AND NAC IN BRUSSELS IN DECEMBER. OTHER DATES ARE NOT ENTIRELY RULED OUT IF FRENCH PREFER TO INVITE HIM, AND THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE PERMITS HIM TO ACCEPT.

4. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY, INCLUDING DAO, TAKING INFORMAL SOUNDING WITH FRENCH IN PREPARING REQUESTED COMMENTS. ROGERS

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